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Price Center seeks Army truck facility

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Local civic leaders are planning a campaign to convince the U.S. Army to locate a truck-repair facility at the Charles Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City.

The facility would have an annual budget of \$4-5 million and could employ as many as 150 people.

In a letter to members of the Price Center task force, Jim Pennekamp of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois said retired Air Force Maj. Gen. John Griffith would give a briefing on the project to civic and political leaders Tuesday, Aug. 22, at the Price Center.

"The Price Support Center has an excellent opportunity to be the site of a new vehicle maintenance facility," the letter said. "This project anticipates

significant civilian employment opportunities and an annual budget of \$4-5 million."

A proposal summary attached to the letter said the Army National Guard has decided to use large "maintenance concentration sites" to rebuild 2½- and 5-ton trucks it presently owns.

The Army Logistics branch of the National Guard Bureau will implement the program beginning in the 1996 fiscal year, and asked states interested in hosting a site to submit a plan. Selection will be based on the lowest cost for the site.

The facility would rebuild up to 500 trucks per year.

"The Melvin Price Support

Center contains an ideal environment for accomplishing this mission and capturing the maintenance facility..." the proposal said.

To be successful, the proposal said a coordinated effort between base, community and state political leaders must be started. Included in this would be some kind of economic package that includes both local and state monies.

The deadline to apply for the facility is sometime in September, according to the proposal.

In addition to the jobs, the proposal said the site would also benefit the area by putting "the foot in the door" for other national guard projects, and would assist the Price Center in keeping the commissary and post exchange open.

Earlier this summer, when the Base Realignment and Closure Act was passed, the Price Center was one of the facilities that would be closed. (See FACILITY, Page 9A)



Pennekamp



Volunteer Muriel Katz shows a shirt to a young girl during Protestant Welfare's Community Care Center's Back-to-School Care and Share Day.

Program provides new outfits

310 to start school in style

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

School will be starting soon, and in addition to new books, paper and other school supplies, many parents and students will be thinking about new clothes.

But many can't afford new clothes. And that's where the Protestant Welfare Association's Community Care Center's Back-to-School Care and Share program comes in.

The program provides students with one new outfit. This year, the association made plans for (See OUTFITS, Page 9A)

Lightning blamed for warehouse fire

Lightning is being blamed for a warehouse fire at the Charles Melvin Price Support Center Monday afternoon.

Gerald Ashford of the base fire department said the fire started at about 4:45 p.m. Monday at Warehouse Three during a thunderstorm.

Firefighters from the base and Granite City took about 30 minutes to extinguish the blaze, which caused minor damage to the warehouse and some of the contents.

No injuries were reported.

The warehouse is used to store material and supplies for various military reserve units.

"There was a minimal amount of damage," Ashford said.

The Granite City Fire Department provided an aerial ladder truck, telescopic truck, two pumpers and an ambulance.

Ashford said the equipment was dispatched as a precaution because at the time the fire was reported, fire officials were unsure how widespread the blaze was.

"We appreciated Granite's help," he said.

Rescue!

Workers pull man from burning car

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Second-shift workers at Heidmann Steel and a passing Illinois Power employee are being credited with saving the life of a Granite City man pulled from a burning car on Friday.

Henry Wilmoth, 66, of Granite City, was reportedly still hospitalized as of Tuesday.

Although injured, he was not burned.

Granite City Fire Chief Keith Talley said that without the assistance of the others, Wilmoth would not have had a chance.

"He wouldn't have made it," Talley said.

At about 3:20 p.m. Friday, Wilmoth was stopped for a red light at the intersection of Illinois 3 and Northgate Drive when his car's gas tank exploded after the car was struck by a truck owned by J.F. Electric in Edwardsville.

Driver Victor Alan Spurgeon of Dorsey told police the truck's brakes failed.

Spurgeon was ticketed for failing to reduce (See RESCUE, Page 9A)

Madison OKs tax for new police cars

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

An ordinance authorizing the purchase of four new police cars and levying a tax to pay for it was among four ordinances passed by the Madison City Council Tuesday evening.

Two of the ordinances were necessary for the final resolution of an annexation dispute among Madison, Fairmont City and St. Clair County.

The council approved the purchase of four new Ford Crown Victorias with police packages for \$78,046. The cars will be paid for with a three-year

lease-purchase agreement with the Ford Motor Co. With interest of 6.45 percent, the total cost will be \$89,438.49, to be paid in three installments of \$29,812.83.

At the last meeting, City Attorney Casper Nighohossian said the necessary tax to pay for the cars would be about 15 cents per \$100 assessed value, or about \$15 for the owner of a \$30,000 home.

Nighohossian had told the council that by purchasing the cars this year, they would be able to receive a four-year, 100,000-mile extended warranty.

He had also told them that car prices would probably increase the next year.

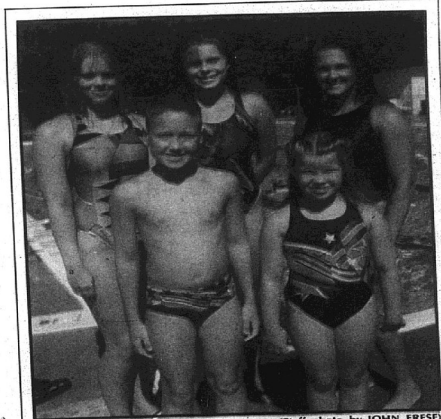
Two ordinances de-annexing part of the Waste Management Inc. landfill and land south of Gateway International Raceway were also approved. Another parcel, known as the Conrail property, was de-annexed at the previous meeting.

The action is part of an agreement between Madison, Fairmont City and St. Clair County. Fairmont City will annex the property, and St. Clair County will drop two lawsuits filed on behalf of the village.

In return, Madison will receive an estimated \$310,000 in tax revenues held in escrow by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The council also approved an ordinance establishing wages for city employees.

The mayor will receive \$11,400, plus (See TAX, Page 9A)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESI)

Swimmers for the Paddlers Swim Club are: back row, from left, Lesley Neff, 18, Karen Yehling, 16, and Jeannine McMillan, 18; front row, Maggie Ronk, 8, and Justin Schooley, 9.

Paddlers look to future

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Although one diver can make a big difference on a team, it takes an entire team of athletes to make or break a swimming team.

Paddlers swim coach Celeste Furmanek said it was very hard to single out any individual swimmers on her team as leaders. But she settled on five.

Lesley Neff, Karen Yehling, Jeannine McMillan, Maggie Ronk and Justin Schooley.

"They're the guts of my

team, I guess," she said. "They're all just fine role models for the other kids, and they all work so hard."

The group represents the old and new at Paddlers, in a way three nearing the end of their time at Paddlers and two with a long time ahead.

To find out what sets these swimmers apart, see Sports on Page 1B.

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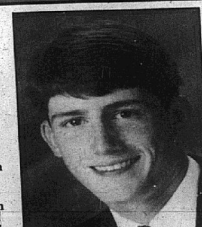
Top Teen

Jonathan Reader is a well-rounded individual. A recent Granite City High School graduate who will study civil engineering at the University of Illinois in the fall. Reader is a scholar-athlete and a role model for his peers.

He is an active member of Niedringhaus United Methodist Church and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. The National Honor Society member played soccer, basketball and baseball in high school.

He was recognized last year in the Greater Belleville Area Youth Salute and by the Granite City Elks as a "student of the month."

He is the son of Larry and Sharon Reader of Granite City.



Jonathan Reader

LOCAL NEWS

Nameoki board takes stand against power plant

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A resolution opposing the development of a \$75 million energy plant in Madison was approved by the Nameoki Township Board of Trustees Monday evening.

In the resolution, the board "makes strenuous objection to the construction and operation of any facility which could be harmful to the health of the residents of Clover Leaf."

It also requests government officials to "take all steps necessary to protect the health and property values of the citizens of Clover Leaf Addition, consistent with sound economic development."

The resolution was prepared after opponents, including residents of Clover Leaf subdivision in Nameoki Township, had asked for

help in fighting the plant. The resolution was tabled at the previous meeting after pleas from developer Michael Vrtis and Madison City Attorney Casper Nighhossian.

They had asked that the board wait until sitting hearings were completed.

Hearings were completed July 28. Public comment is allowed on the site for 30 days after the hearing, and a report must be given to the Madison City Council 15 days after the public comment period ends.

Metro East LLC, a subsidiary of Connecticut-based STRV LLC, has proposed a \$75 million wood-to-energy plant in east Madison. The proposed site is adjacent to Cloverleaf subdivision.

At Monday's meeting, several letters regarding the plant were read at the meeting.

Vrtis sent a letter thanking the board for waiting to make a decision on the resolution.

Opponents sent a letter restating their position and a petition against the plant with about 100 signatures.

Also sent was a letter from the Federal Emergency Management Agency that said the agency was looking into concerns about flood plain elevations.

Before the vote, Supervisor Ken Davis said he was concerned about the plant's long-term effects on the surrounding communities.

The board voted 4-0 in favor of the petition.

"We have no idea what we're going to see 10 or 15 years from now," he said. "We want to let the company know we will hold them responsible for what goes on there."

News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record Journals.

Madison looks at new city hall

Difficulties in making the Madison City Hall council chambers handicapped accessible have forced city officials to consider looking for a new home.

At their last meeting, council members approved money for preliminary studies of moving city hall.

John Hamm, chairman of the city's finance committee, said the search was in the preliminary stages. He added that the council had a single-story building in mind and has discussed the purchase price, but didn't want to make the information public yet.

Officials visit Michigan plant

While the public comment period for the siting of a proposed \$75 million wood-to-energy plant continues, city officials are not sitting around waiting for information.

Several Madison aldermen are planning a fact-finding trip to Michigan to visit a plant similar to the one proposed in Madison. At the last city council meeting, aldermen approved spending up to \$10,000 for trips to plant sites.

Hamm said he and three other aldermen — Alexis Lux, Michael Vrabec and Eleanor Armour — will be visiting a plant site in Filer City, Mich., this week.

Musician coming home to fair

The pressure will really be on former Granite City resident Erich Miller for the hometown crowd — sort of.

Miller, a steel-drum player with the Los Angeles-based group Panache, will be playing at the Illinois State Fair today through Friday.

The band performs a variety of Caribbean styles with a jazz influence. They are currently on the road supporting their current album *So So Ca*, released in late 1994.

The album title is a play on *Soca*, one of the styles of music the band plays, and the band's Southern California location.

No relief from heat

Metro East residents caught in summer's latest bake-off are getting the message to "stay out of the kitchen."

At St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, the emergency room treated one heat-related case over the weekend, and another on Monday.

Both were treated and released, said Kathleen Gauen, the hospital's emergency services director.

After the first heat wave — when almost 20 people were treated, including two who spent time in the hospital's critical care unit — the hospital has been dealing with about three heat cases per week, Gauen said. That is normal for the summer, she said.

He said 1988 had the most 90-degree days in the last 10 years — 65.

Melton off board

Edward "Dewey" Melton has resigned from the city's Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

Melton notified Mayor Ron Selph in a July 26 letter of his intention to step down after six years of service.

City Hall sources have suggested that Melton is displeased over the July 18 appointment by Selph of Dan Brown to the city's economic development post. Melton was one of four finalists being considered for the job.

Property seizure sought

The federal government is trying to seize four pieces of property in Granite City and \$134,000 in cash that prosecutors say are the proceeds of a large Texas-to-Granite City marijuana distribution operation.

The federal drug trial of three Granite City men — Jimmie D. Poe Sr., Larry Ottinger and John Lindsey — and Hector Solares of El Paso, Texas, entered its 12th day this week in U.S. District Court in East St. Louis.

Crops getting baked

Heat, spring rains have made for tough year

The heat wave could complete a one-two punch by Mother Nature against crop yields.

"It adds insult to the injury from the late planting," said Robert Bellin, extension educator of crop systems for the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service in Edwardsville.

Weather forecasters were not optimistic this week about relief from the heat and humidity that has kept the Midwest in a sweat for weeks. The mercury peaked at 96 degrees Tuesday, with a heat index of 110.

Greg Lewis of the National Weather Service said the high-pressure ridge that has kept the area cooking shrugged off a cool front that had been pushing in from the northwest.

"The ridge was too strong. It won the battle. What you see (Tuesday) is what we will get for the next several days." That means temperatures in the 90s and heat indices above 100 with

only scattered afternoon and evening showers.

Heavy spring rains delayed most area farmers' plantings by several weeks, and even hot weather has been tough on

immature plants, Bellin said. Corn is in particular danger.

"I don't know if there's time to get pods made and filled before the growing season ends,"

he said. "It never really got a good root system developed, and it can't take advantage of subsurface moisture in times of heat and moisture stress. While much of the area has enjoyed adequate rainfall, crops are in

trouble in areas where rain has been light," Bellin said.

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Bellin said corn prospers best with daytime highs in the 80s and nighttime lows in the 60s. Despite rains that delayed

planting in 1993, farmers enjoyed record yields because temperatures remained mild.

Soybeans tend to adapt better to adversity, but this year will be a big test for the crop's resilience, Bellin said.

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Junior high orientation set

Student orientation for Grigsby and Coolidge junior high schools has been set for 9 a.m.-10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22.

Busses will run beginning at 8:15 a.m., and all students should report to the school gyms by 9 a.m.

Parent orientation will be at 7 p.m. that evening.

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Vest faces new state complaint

SPRINGFIELD — A hearing has been set for Oct. 18 on a new complaint by the state Department of Professional Regulation seeking to suspend or revoke the license of Dr. Thomas Bruce Vest, owner of the Doctor's Clinic in Alton.

Department spokesman Tony Sanders said Tuesday the agency is now pursuing a new complaint based on Vest's mail-fraud convictions on May 23 in federal court in East St. Louis.

It is being pursued now instead of a still pending 1993 complaint alleging unnecessary tests and excessive billing that was up for a status hearing on

Aug. 7, Sanders said.

The Oct. 16 preliminary hearing on the newest disciplinary action is after Vest's scheduled Sept. 12 sentencing in federal court.

Sanders said it is unclear what would happen to the department's case if Vest is ordered to prison on the federal convictions.

He might not be able to be present for the hearing. The department could seek a summary suspension but it hasn't been determined whether he would go for that or not.

Vest has consistently denied allegations first by the state agency and then by the federal prosecutors that he falsified medical symptoms and ordering unnecessary expense tests to finance his \$12 million clinic.

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He has also repeatedly charged he is the victim of a conspiracy started by rival physicians and area hospitals who wanted to stop competition from his clinic.

Several of Vest's patients have rallied to his defense by writing letters of support to

newspapers praising the care they received at Doctors Clinic.

The Department of Professional Regulation complaint now being pursued argues that Vest's conviction of 34 federal felony charges that "arise out of (Vest's) practice of medicine" are grounds for revocation or suspension of his physician and surgeon license.

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Nominees sought for citizen's award

The Community Pride Committee of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for its annual "Citizen's Achievement Award."

The nominee can come from the public, private or business sector of the Tri-Cities area. The successful nominee should possess the following qualities: contribution to improving the quality of life in the area, leadership and volunteerism.

Applications, available by calling the chamber at 976-6400, will be accepted at the chamber office, 1831 Delmar Ave., through Sept. 8. The award will be presented at the chamber's annual dinner meeting Oct. 5.

Past recipients are: Georgia Engelke, Mel Wilmshurst, Sr. Mary Thomas, Carl Matthias, Walter Milton Sr., Bill Winter, Becky Slate, Leo Konzen and B.J. Davis.

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Stack wants job back

By Scott Wuerz
Staff writer

Former Madison County Associate Judge Daniel Stack lost his bench this summer after nine years on the job. But Monday he announced his hope that citizens of the county will put him back in a black robe.

Stack announced his intention to run for Circuit Judge in the lobby of the Madison County Courthouse to a small group of reporters, and said he is confident his reputation would overcome the setback of being ousted from the bench.

Stack became the third Democrat to announce his candidacy for the bench opened by the elevation of Judge Paul Riley to Federal Court. Judges J. Lawrence Keshner and George Filcoff have already announced their intention to run.

Associate Judges must receive the vote of three-fifths of the county's circuit judges to retain their bench when their terms expire. Stack failed to receive the vote of confidence from Circuit Judges, and was replaced by Republican Judge James Hackett.

While Circuit judges control the fate of Associates, Stack said he is confident he could win a spot as a circuit judge because they are elected in a general election.

"I think it's (being removed from the bench) is going to help me in the election more than it will hurt me," Stack said. "A lot of people are upset because I was removed for no reason."



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(Staff photos by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)
Stacie Williams, lower right, comforts her five-year-old daughter, Brittany, as nurses from St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Koch Family Health Center give the child a shot.



Officer Mike Sparks, right, puts a DARE wrist band on for Karen Trawick. In the background is DARE Officer Daryl May.



Chrystal Woolverton, 14, has her blood pressure checked by nurse Jill Pendegrass.

Health Fair draws 60

Clowns, fun and shots

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Despite the free toothbrushes, toothpaste, stickers, pamphlets and other neat stuff, five-year-old Brittany Williams of Madison was not happy about being at the Project Success Health Fair.

"I don't like shots, they hurt," she said. Later, as she was getting her shots, she was even more vocal about it.

Brittany and her brothers, Brandon and Dominic, were among the 60 or so children who took advantage of the fair, held Friday at Marshall School in Granite City. It is the second year for the fair.

"The doctors are charging outrageous fees, so this is a lot cheaper," Brittany's mother, Stacie Williams, said.

"It's great, I don't make that much money either. Those people caught in between are sort of stuck, and this is a great way to help us out."

The fair offered immunizations and physicals at a subsidized cost. It also featured displays, educational activities and a visit from clowns and Ronald McDonald.

Nancy Sanders, principal at Lake School, said the state requires children to have physicals before entering kindergarten, fifth and ninth grade.

"This helps us to keep kids in school," she said. "It's just a good way to keep them healthy."

Groups participating in the fair were the Granite City fire and police departments, the Granite City School District, Healthy Mom-Healthy Kids of Wood River, the Illinois Department of Public Health, McDonalds, St. Elizabeth Medical Center and Dr. Kathy Splaingard, DMD.

"This is part of a collaborative effort between the school district, school nurses, the hospital organization, training department and the

Koch Family Center as a community outreach," said Kathleen Gauen, director of Emergency Services at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

"We wanted to make sure that kids have their school physicals, their immunizations, and at the same time we give them some information about healthy lifestyles, fire prevention and working with the police."

"It's been a project we've been working on since about April," Gauen said. "We're really working together to make sure kids are ready to go to school."

"We want to make sure kids go to school healthy because they have a better opportunity to learn and they do better in school," she added.

She also said it was important to make sure children had their immunization and booster shots. "Some people are not taking seriously how important it is to get immunizations," Gauen said.

to attend.

The Rules of the Road review course will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 25, at the Granite City Township Building, 2060 Delmar Ave. in Granite City. Preregistration is not required.

Rules of Road course planned

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Education

Quality Review reviewed

(The following editorial is reprinted from the Alton Telegraph.)
State education officials are correct in trying to rein in the paperwork and bureaucracy that may have taken over the school accountability program, but we hope they won't throw out the baby with the bathwater.

State Superintendent of Schools Joseph Spagnolo has launched a reassessment of the State Board of Education's Quality Review process of evaluating public schools in response to some complaints about voluminous paperwork and tedious reports required of district employees.

Madison County Regional Superintendent of Schools Harry Briggs, among others, calls the documentation required by the process "burdensome" and says, "it takes hours away from the instructional process."

But even the local officials who must prepare the paperwork and reports recognize that the process' goal of requiring school districts to take a close look at what they do and how well they do it are valuable and informative.

Certainly, our public schools are only as good as the quality of the graduates they produce, and Quality Review was the state's response to growing concerns that quality was slipping.

Through a variety of reports, statistics and on-site evaluations, Quality Review requires schools to improve the educational process by establishing goals for academic achievement, strategies for reaching those goals and ways to measure student progress.

Those standards, surely, are basic essentials in the success of any educational process.

Spagnolo is calling for an evaluation of the state's Quality Review process by a consultant who is an international expert in the arcane discipline of school evaluation processes.

We're all for anything that will simplify the process and the time that goes into it, especially if that time could be better spent on instruction.

But any changes in the process that would compromise the essential ends of Quality Review—setting academic goals, outlining educational strategies and measuring success—would be a step back, not forward.



Bases were to be Costello concern

A United States congressman has many duties and goals, but very high on each of the 435 lawmakers' lists is the current and future prosperity of his or her district.

An example of this type of service and approach is provided by Rep. Jerry Costello, Belleville Democrat.

His 12th Illinois District extends from Alton in northern Madison County to the state's Deep South, Cairo, following the eastern bank of the Mississippi River. The district includes Granite City (1363 Niedringhaus Ave.), Belleville (327 W. Main St.) and Carbondale.

This summer, Costello is pointing with pride to the fact that "Scott and the Price Center have been saved."

He notes that "a six-month process to close many of the nation's defense bases is complete. Both Scott Air Force Base (Belleville) and the Charles Melvin Price Support Center (former Granite City Army depot) will remain open."

"In December 1994, as required by law, the assistant secretary of Defense submitted a list of military facilities he recommended be closed. That list went to an eight-member commission which had until July 1 to vote to close some facilities and add others for closure."

"On June 23, the Base Closure



Bill Winter

Commission finished its work, with Scott and Price off the final list (although Price was on the list in an initial list).

"With the next round of base closures many years away, we can now focus on continuing to improve Scott and the Price Center for the future."

"I can't tell you how pleased I am that we were able to save Scott and Price. Convincing the government to keep them open saves almost 12,000 jobs and keeps over \$1 billion circulating in our local economy."

"Convincing officials to reverse their decision to close Price saves 500 jobs, and retains military family housing and quality-of-life services for thousands of military and civilian personnel and retirees in the St. Louis region."

The accomplishment was "not easy," Costello says. Less successful were St. Louis, San Antonio and Sacramento bases, despite the efforts of many powerful legislators.

Costello relates that "our

efforts to save Scott and Price started in June 1994. I called together local elected officials and leaders to begin putting together a plan to stress the importance of both facilities to our region and the nation."

"As a result of this meeting, a plan was developed and executed. Saving Scott and Price is another example of what happens when elected officials, business and labor leaders work together for a common cause."

"Price was one of only a few bases removed from the initial closure list. The commission agreed with our assessment that the Price Center's strategic location and much-needed housing make it a valuable asset to our region and the Army. It can now continue serving our men and women in uniform who live in this region."

At Scott, not only were 11,000 jobs preserved but the 126th Air Refueling Unit is being moved here from Chicago, bringing 342 full-time jobs and 1,314 part-time Air National Guard personnel.

Married and the father of three children, Costello, 46, was St. Clair County Board chairman until being elected in 1988 to succeed the late Rep. Melvin Price.

Several times, Costello headed the East-West Gateway

Coordinating Council and is credited with advancing many bi-state area construction and development projects.

He comments, "People know I work hard, listen to them and try to do what is best for them."

Costello has been instrumental in obtaining the joint-use (civilian and military) airport at Scott, the MetroLink light-rail commuter system and its extension to Scott, the Alton and infrastructure improvements that helped the Metro East Sanitary District withstand the Great Flood of 1993.

Next, he hopes to obtain a superhighway linking the Metro East area with Carlinville, Costello seeks reforms in education, health care and welfare and he favors limits on congressional campaign spending.

He sponsored allocation of \$6 million to help rehabilitate the Venice-to-St. Louis McKinley Bridge. Work on a new traffic deck for McKinley began this spring and is to be completed in 1996.

To help him keep in touch with Illinois as well as national needs, Costello travels to his district virtually every weekend.

Social Security has 60th birthday

(This guest column is written by Vicki McGill, branch manager of the Social Security Administration office at Lake Christine Center in Belleville.)

Aug. 14 marked the 60th anniversary of the signing of the Social Security Act, legislation that now touches the lives of nearly every U.S. citizen.

More than 90 percent of all workers are in jobs covered by Social Security and one in every six Americans receives a monthly Social Security benefit.

When he signed the Social Security Act on Aug. 14, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "We cannot insure 100 percent of the population against 100 percent of the hazards and vicissitudes of life, but we have tried to frame a law which will give some measure of protection to the average citizen and to his family."

His words have held true. Since then, the Social Security program has grown to include survivors and disability benefits. About 43 million people receive monthly benefits, with more than 61 percent of the money going to 26.4 million retired people.

Twenty-nine percent of the money is paid to 12.4 million children, spouses, widows and widowers who receive benefits because a worker in their family has become disabled or died.

And more than 9 percent is paid to 4 million disabled workers. In St. Clair County, 44,140 people receive a total of \$26,652,000 in Social Security benefits each month.

About \$16,967,000 is paid to 25,955 retired workers, \$6,928,000 is paid to 14,700 spouses, children, widows and widowers, and \$2,757,000 is received by 4345 disabled workers.

But as important as it is, Social Security was never intended to be the sole provider of a person's financial security. Instead, Social Security is intended as a partial replacement of wages lost because of retirement, disability or death.

It's easy to get an estimate of the Social Security retirement, disability and survivor benefits you (and your family) may be eligible for now or in the future.

Visit any Social Security office or call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, to ask for a Personal Statement (Request for Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement).

The toll-free number responds to requests around the clock, including weekends and holidays. You'll get your statement within 4 to 5 weeks after you complete and return the request form to Social Security.

The Belleville Social Security Office is located at Lake Christine Center, 1852 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville 62221. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments are available by calling 1-800-772-1213. You can help celebrate Social Security's 60th anniversary by visiting the office Aug. 14 and obtaining a free booklet "A Brief History of Social Security."

Those unable to visit the office, can call 1-800-772-1213 or 235-0455 and request a copy.

'90s lessons from Huck and Tom

Some time in the early '30s, I first met Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn, via a movie starring Jackie Coogan in the role of Tom (and doesn't that admission date me?)

The only other actor I can identify with certainty was Victor Jory, who played Injun Joe. I think Edna Mae Oliver was cast as Aunt Polly.

Whatever. Suffice it to say that it was love at first sight. These two were my kind of boys and by the following day, I was deep into my first reading of "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer."

Tom and Huck had joined Jim Hawkins in my personal pantheon of favorite literary kids.

By the middle of the following year, I was a member of the 5th grade class at Lafayette School, with Miss Barbara Hart as our teacher.

Miss Hart continued to teach the same class through 6th grade and I knew I've written about her educational stratagems before. Particularly her device for keeping classroom order: If we behaved well, she set aside about 20-25 minutes daily to read aloud to us, from whatever books we chose.

"Kiddnaped," "Treasure Island," "Musketeers" and "The Count of Monte Cristo." Several "Adventures" of both Tom and those of Huck, as well as "The Prince and the Pauper."

Twain's satire and irony were lost on us, of course; we were too young even to know the meaning of the words. To us,



Carol Clarkin

the stories were very simple, adventures.

The kind of adventures we'd liked to have had ourselves, as we were his self-righteous prigs. Over the years, some critics (many, in fact) have labeled Huckberry Finn as the Great American Novel but I couldn't disagree more.

The fact is the same book may well be the "most banned," dating back to 1885, a year after its publication, when it was banned in Concord, Mass., because Huck appeared to the powers-that-be as a bad role model for youth of the times.

These days, it's most often banned because of its depiction of the treatment of blacks and incessant use of the word "nigger."

According to a recent

"If you haven't read Huckleberry Finn, then you haven't read anything. You can't not teach it."

— David Bradley
English professor

Associated Press feature, a week-long seminar was held this summer at the Mark Twain House in Hartford, Conn., to help educators teach Twain's work, a book they say, if taught correctly, serves as "seathing critique of prejudice."

Perhaps, they could have taken a page from Miss Hart's preface of reading the book to my 6th grade class. Possibly because we had two black class members, Max and Mary, who went to great pains to explain to us that the book was set in pre-Civil War years, that slavery did exist in our country at that time, and that the term itself was in common usage.

She also reminded us of what most of us had been taught at home; that it was an insulting, "bad" word that none of us were to use if we were to be considered well-bred children.

That seemed to satisfy all of us, including Max and Mary; just as all of us recognized in Jim, Miss Watson's slave, a true hero.

It would not have occurred to any of us, at the time, to ask Max and Mary how they felt about the constant use of the demeaning term in the book.

Since that faraway time, though, with the onset of

political correctness, I've wondered if we should have asked them.

Most recently, I've found it heartening to read some commentary on the subject from some black writers and educators.

William Styron, the white novelist, recently reminded that Ralph Ellison, one of the best of the 20th century black writers, had written in praise of Twain's "grasp of the tormented complexity of slavery and the awareness of Jim's essential humanity."

David Bradley, a black English professor at Temple University, has said, "If you haven't read Huckleberry Finn, then you haven't read anything. You can't not teach it."

Bradley, further in recent writings, has noted that the word "nigger" is offensive to him "not because of its use by literary characters in 1845 but because of how it is meant by literal Americans in 1995."

America ought to be a place where "nigger" has only historical meaning. Until that happens, the safest place for a child to learn about the word is in a book."

Sad, but inarguably true.

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The home of Terry and Dina Burch, 2564 Boyle Ave.



The home of Richard and Pamela Asadorian, 2559 Delmar Ave.

Five named winners of Home Pride Awards

Five area homeowners have been honored as the August 1995 recipients of Home Pride Awards.

The program, sponsored by the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce and the Granite City Press-Record Journal, was established in 1991 to honor those whose properties reflect pride in ownership.

The newest winners of the award are: Terry and Dina Burch, 2564 Boyle Ave.; Richard and Pamela Asadorian, 2559 Delmar Ave.; Phil and Tracy Green, 1338 27th St.; Charles and Rosemary Meyer, 50 Janday Lane; and David and Theresa Bell, 3235 Erin Drive.

The Home Pride Awards program places special emphasis on those properties that have become models for the rest of their neighborhood. Included are homeowners who have remodeled, planted floral gardens, cleaned up properties or otherwise demonstrated significant pride in the display of their homes and surrounding properties, chamber officials said.

Homes are selected purely on the basis of nomination by members of the community. Nominations are open to any residence (including homes, apartments and other dwellings) in the Quad City area, including Nameoki, Chouteau, Venice and Granite City townships. The Press-Record Journal publishes the names of the winners and pictures of their homes on the third Thursday of each month from now through September.

Previous winners are not eligible for the award. Winners will be presented a certificate and cited in continuing coverage by the newspaper.

To nominate someone for the honor, simply send the person's name, address, telephone number and reason for the award to the Chamber of Commerce, 1831 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL 62040. The chamber office can be reached at 876-6400 if more information is needed. This month's winners have all made great efforts to improve their property as well as their neighborhood, according to those nominating them. Following are comments made about each of the winners.

Terry and Dina Burch, 2564 Boyle: "They are first-time owners and take much pride in their lawns and upkeep. The extensive landscaping was done by the owners themselves using much labor. They are very proud of their property."

Richard and Pamela Asadorian, 2559 Delmar Ave.: "They are always updating and improving their home, but still keeping the original look in staying with the downtown restoration. It's a beautiful home inside and out and a real asset to the community."

Phil and Tracy Green, 1338 27th St.: "The Greens personally designed their home, working hard to stay within the character of the neighborhood. They took a long-time vacant lot in a prime location and built a traditional-style home. Their unique combination of ground covering and grass helps to achieve a beautifully manicured lawn. As you drive past their home, one can see and feel a sense of home and community pride. That is why their home deserves special recognition." (See HOMES, Page 6A)



The home of David and Theresa Bell, 3235 Erin Drive



The home of Phil and Tracy Green, 1338 27th St.



The home of Charles and Rosemary Meyer, 50 Janday Lane

'Faces from the Past' befuddle most readers

Last week, we ran old pictures of some recent newsmakers and asked our readers to identify them by name.

While we received several attempts from our readers to put names with the "Faces from the Past," only one reader and a group correctly identified all photos — Kristen Novacich of D'Lynn Drive and the staff at Davis Funeral Home in Granite City.

The correct answers are: 1) Granite City Firefighter Jimmy Brawley 2) former County Treasurer Mick Henkhaus 3) United Steelworkers of America International President George

Becker 4) School Board President Pete Novacich 5) former Madison Police Chief Paul Bargiel 6) Granite City Patrolman Mike Murgic 7) former Coolidge Principal Jim Jeffries 8) Granite City Firefighter (and former Chief) Charlie Bernaix 9) School Board Member Walt Whitaker 10) former U.S. Sen. Alan Dixon 11) Granite City High School Soccer Coach Gene Baker 12) Granite City Police Lt. Denny Chenault 13) Madison County Director of Probation and Court Services (and former Granite City Police Chief) Bob Astorian 14) Granite City Patrolman Mike Sparks.



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Nominate a Home Pride Award winner

Be a part of pride in the Quad City Area by participating in the Home Pride program sponsored by the Granite City Press-Record Journal and the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce and Community Pride Committee. Each month homes are honored for their appearance based on nominations from neighbors. Homes that are nominated for significant improvements or general quality care.

Property owner or resident and address:

Reason for the nomination and interesting facts that might provide insight for the Community Pride Committee (feel free to use a separate sheet for additional comments):

Mail nominations to:
Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce
1831 Delmar
Granite City, IL 62040
Or call 876-6400

Homes

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Charles and Rosemary Meyer, 50 Janday Lane: "The Meyers have made many improvements to their home, including a new brick porch, sidewalk and driveway. They have also redone their landscape both front and back including a beautiful pond in the back yard which they will soon be expanding. Their pride in their home shows and they deserve to be recognized."

David and Theresa Bell, 3235 Erin: "This young professional couple have two small children and busy careers, but manage to keep a very neat home. They have made many improvements on what was already a nice residence. They added their own personal touch with good taste and hard work."

Open house set

An open house tea will be hosted from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, at Little Lamb Preschool, located in the basement of Hope Lutheran Church, 3715 Wabash Ave. in Granite City. The event is arranged for the parents and children to visit the facility and have an opportunity to meet the teachers and staff.

The school will officially begin on Tuesday, Sept. 5. The three-year-old pupils will attend on Tuesdays and Thursdays, while the four-year-old students will meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The classes are scheduled in the morning from 9:15 to 11:30 and in the afternoon from 12:15 to 2:30.

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Shell Oil Co. officials told taxing district officials a 63 percent cut in the assessment of its Wood River Manufacturing Complex is needed to keep the plant open — and even that might not be enough.

During a meeting Thursday with representatives from the taxing districts that face big losses if the reduction is approved, refinery manager E. Gayle Johnson said the reduction request is part of a last-ditch effort to keep the plant open.

"The only way we can stay alive is to cut costs," he said. "There aren't too many things left. The frills have gone out of our business, and I'm still short. I'm going to Houston next week to talk about 1996. If there is one, Johnson said, "If we shut down, the payroll impact on the community is lost. It's not an idle threat."

Shell's in-house appraisal put the market value of the complex at \$100 million. Company officials are asking for an assessment of \$33,333,330. Illinois law provides that property be assessed at one-third of fair-market value. Madison County Supervisor of Assessments Debbie Ming has confirmed Wood River Township Assessor Kay Longman's 1995 assessment of the property at \$69,629,190, the same as the 1994 assessment. The assessment is based on a market value of \$268.8 million.

The proposed cut could cost the Roxana School District an estimated \$2.4 million a year and the Village of Roxana an estimated \$660,000 yearly. Seventeen other taxing districts would experience smaller losses.

Shell officials said Thursday the proposed reduction reflects the market value of refineries around the country and would be fair even if the complex wasn't in financial difficulty. They said the reduction would save Shell about \$5 million yearly, but they said they still could not guarantee the plant's future, given other problems.

Johnson said employment at the complex has been cut 41 percent since 1990, along with other cost-cutting efforts. He said the Wood River plant's problems stem primarily from a stagnant market for gasoline, high production costs at Wood River and the high cost of complying with environmental regulations. He

said Shell competitors face similar problems.

"There are too many refineries functioning for the demand out there," he said. Shell should have asked for a significant assessment reduction for the refinery two or three years ago, said Mel Garretson, a tax official from the company's Houston headquarters.

"We kept saying, 'Next year, maybe we can turn the corner,'" he said. Garretson said the \$100 million market value proposed by Shell reflects numerous sales of refineries around the country in the past three years.

The plant's productivity has improved steadily in the last three years, Johnson said, but it continues to lose money. The \$3 million Shell would save from the proposed assessment cut amounts to about 5 percent of the plant's fixed costs, an important savings, he said.

Ming told taxing district representatives in an earlier

meeting Thursday that she confirmed the township's original assessment because she had no information that would warrant a significant change. She said there was not time for an independent appraisal before assessments were published.

"I thought the best course of action was to let the normal appeal process take its course," she said. Shell could appeal to the county's Board of Review then to the state's Property Tax Appeal Board.

Madison County Director of Administration James Monday said county officials would like to see the issue resolved through negotiation rather than lengthy appeals.

"We don't like the uncertainty of having the money tied up," he said. "We run the risk of having them lop off the whole amount at the state level. A negotiated process perhaps can spread it out over a period of time."

— From the Alton Telegraph



THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
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When a person is injured in an automobile accident, it is difficult to predict accurately how much a jury would award in a given case. In one recent case, the plaintiff was stopped behind a car which was turning left when he was struck from the rear by the defendant's car. Following the accident, the plaintiff began experiencing pain in the lower left portion of his neck. He later sought medical treatment at an emergency room and subsequent to that he consulted with several doctors, including a chiropractor and a neurosurgeon.

The plaintiff testified at trial that after the accident he was unable to play soccer or swim, and that he experienced pain several times a day in his neck area. The plaintiff also testified that the pain had affected his ability to drive a car and that he was unable to sleep through the night since the date of the accident.

The neurosurgeon testified that the plaintiff came to his office complaining of pain in his head and neck. The doctor prescribed pain medication and performed a myelogram and CAT scan. The results of both tests were negative, and the neurosurgeon's final diagnosis was cervical spine strain. The doctor further noted that

the plaintiff would continue to experience pain in the future.

The total medical bills of the plaintiff were \$3,399.54. At the conclusion of the non-jury trial, the court entered judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$45,850.00. The insurance company felt the amount of the award was excessive in light of the small amount of medical bills, and the defendant appealed the case on this basis. The defendant maintained that the court's award for personal injuries was against the manifest weight of the evidence, since approximately \$1,000.00 of the total medical bills was for diagnosis testing which produced negative results.

The Appellate Court noted that a judgment may be found to be against the manifest weight of the evidence only where the findings appear to be unreasonable, arbitrary, or not based on the evidence. In the present case, the Appellate Court felt there was ample evidence to support the trial court's finding of permanent injury, as well as the possibility of future pain. In light of this evidence, the judgment of the trial court was affirmed.

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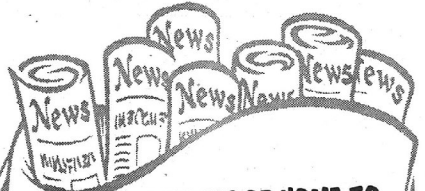
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Obituaries

B. Stubblefield

Barbara A. (Pollard) Stubblefield, 55, of Granite City died at 1:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 14, 1995, at her residence, following a three-month illness. She was born Dec. 25, 1939, in Granite City, where she had been a lifelong resident.

A homemaker, she was of the Catholic faith. Survivors include her husband, Lloyd Stubblefield; six sons, Jerry and Earl Stubblefield, both of Granite City, John, David and Richard T. Hall, all of Texas, and Terry Hall of St. Louis; three daughters, Rhonda Stevens of Texas, and Dallas Lindsey and Maxine Moore, both of Granite City; one brother, Thomas Pollard of Granite City; two sisters, Mary Morgan and Dottie Kelley, both of Ponton Beach; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Pearl (Rood) Pollard.

Services were to be held at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive in Ponton Beach, with the Rev. Robert DeGard officiating. Burial in Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights.

Lloyd Conreaux

Lloyd R. Conreaux, 71, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Granite City, died Tuesday, Aug. 15, 1995, at Rosegate Care Center.

A retired D.O.S.C., he was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Columbus and a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Conreaux; one son, Stephen Conreaux of Columbus; two daughters, Michelle Myers of Glen Carbon, and Cindy DeBelle of Dublin, Ohio; one brother, Rufus Conreaux of Granite City; one sister, Julia Major of Granite City; and six grandchildren.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, at Schoedinger North Chapel, 5554 Karl Road in Columbus.

Graveside services and burial will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon. Memorials are requested for St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 1300 Urban Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43229, or the Riverside Grant Hospice, 3535 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43214-9881.

Rev. Jame Haba officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon. Memorials are requested for Nameoki United Methodist Church.

Rev. James Miller

The Rev. James E. Miller, 64, of Iberia, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died at 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, 1995, at John Cochran Veterans Administration Hospital in St. Louis after being ill since March 1990. He was born Sept. 2, 1930, in Granite City, where he had been a resident for 56 years prior to moving to Iberia eight years ago.

Employed with the Bending Department at Laclede Steel in Alton for 33 years prior to his retirement in 1988, he was pastor of Full Gospel Tabernacle in Iberia and a former member of Bethel Chapel in Granite City.

Rev. Miller was a Korean War Army veteran, where he was a prisoner of war for two years and nine months in a concentration camp. He returned to Granite City and received high honors from the United States Military.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Lee (Gardner) Miller, to whom he was married 41 years; two sons, Mark Miller of Cahoon, Mo., and Ernest Miller of Iberia; two daughters, Laurie Jackson and Patricia Heath, both of Granite City; three brothers, Dale, Donald and Jack Miller, all of Granite City; seven sisters, Melba Vernon, Dorothy Vesach of Granite City, Eretta Hale of Selah, Wash., Peggy Gillingham of Wheatland, Okla., Betty Johnson of Merrillville, Ind., and Mary Havel of Chicago; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Mildred (Stephens) Miller.

Graveside services and burial were to be held at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, in Iberia Cemetery in Iberia, Mo.

Local arrangements by Irwin Chapel in Granite City.

Memorials are requested for Bethel Chapel.

Vernon Finley

Vernon Finley, 54, of East St. Louis died Wednesday, Aug. 2,

1995, at Rosewood Nursing Home in Swansea. He was born in Brooklyn.

Mr. Finley was a regional vice president with the Prime America Insurance Company.

Survivors include his wife, Vileer Finley; one son, Gregory Crockett of Belleville; three daughters, Verla Finley of East St. Louis and LaTonya Knight and Angela Joshua, both of Belleville; three brothers, Leon and Sanford of East St. Louis and Nelson and Edgar Finley, both of Brooklyn; and four sisters, Aurelia Singleton and Norma McGruder, both of Indianapolis, Jewel Finley of Brooklyn and Vanessa Washington of East St. Louis.

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ber of First Church of the Nazarene and its District Advisory Board in Ponton Beach, Promise Keepers and Protestant Welfare. He was a Korean War Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Ava Lorene (Setzer) Whittington; one son, Kendall M. Whittington of Houston, Texas; one daughter, Lynette Heppie of Benton, Ill.; his mother, Velma Cookman Whittington of Benton; four brothers, John Whittington of Mulkeytown, Ill., Noel Whittington of Tamaroa, Ill., three sisters, Mary Bradley of Benton and Ila Gibbons-Whittington and Roberta Channell-Whittington, both of Harbor, Ill.; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Arthur B. Whittington; and one sister, Mildred Hill.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City.

Services are at noon Saturday at First Church of the Nazarene, 4701 State Road 111 in Ponton Beach, with the Rev. Allen Duce, the Rev. Ed Heppie, the Rev. Richard Unger and the Rev. Mel Sorenson officiating.

Graveside services and burial will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 21, in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis.

Memorials are requested for the First Church of the Nazarene Mission.

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Vera Carey

Vera H. (Timmons) Carey, 92, of Granite City died at 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, 1995, at Colonnades Nursing Home in Granite City, where she had been a resident for 10 years. She was born Feb. 23, 1903, in Alton.

A homemaker and volunteer at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, she was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City, where she was active in church work, and of the Daughters of Isabella.

Survivors include two daughters, JoAnn Zottl of Granite City and Jean Elmore of East Alton; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew C. Carey, whom she married June 17, 1924, and her parents, Joseph and Lena (Utt) Timmons.

Services were Wednesday at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City with the Rev. William Fisher officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon. Arrangements were handled by Irwin Chapel in Granite City.

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Funeral summary

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

BUTKUS, Josephine (Kilcausk), 86, of New Douglas died at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, 1995, at Hampton Nursing Home, Alhambra. Services were Aug. 11 at Kassy Colonial Mortuary, Fairview Heights.

THOMAS, Flach, burial in Mount Carmel Cemetery, Belleville. Memorials to Masses.

COLLINS, Rollie Gene, 63, of Collinsville died at 1:34 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, 1995, at his residence. Graveside services and burial were Saturday in Masonic Cemetery, Cypress, Ill., by the Rev. Darrell Atkins. Arrangements by Herbert A. Kassy Funeral Home, Collinsville. Memorials to donor's choice.

HARTSOE, Richard L., "Rick," 32, of Fairmont City died at 4:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, 1995, at his residence. Services were Monday at Holy

ROBERT, Pauline A. (Zimmerman), 89, of St. Louis, formerly of St. Charles, died at 1:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, 1995, at Bethesda Disciples Memorial Home, St. Louis County. Services were Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Madison, by the Rev. Jim Keefner. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Arrangements by Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City.

LORENTZ, Kathryn A., 81, of Granite City died at 11:44 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were Wednesday at Mercer Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. Thomas J. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

VANESLER, George K., 60, of Mitchell, formerly of St. Charles, Mo., died Saturday, Aug. 12, 1995, at Christian Hospital Northeast, St. Louis County. Services were Tuesday at Baue Funeral Home, St. Charles. Burial in St. Charles Memorial Gardens. Memorials to the Kidney Foundation.

PAGAN, Sandra June (Freiden), 50, of Marine, formerly of LaGrange, Mo., died at 1:20 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, 1995, at her residence. Services were Tuesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Kenny Ballard. Burial in Valley View Cemetery, Edwardsville. Memorials to First Christian Church of LaGrange, Mo.

PARNLEY, James R., Sr., 69, of Granite City died at 5:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Private family services were held. Arrangements by Irwin Chapel, Granite City.

WRIGHT, Denise, who started the program six years ago, said approximately 310 children went through this year's program during the last week.

Volunteers spent much of the week sorting through mounds of new shirts, jeans, underwear and shoes.

Volunteer Jean Hileman spent much of her time helping children try on shoes.

"I volunteered to help give out clothing to children as they go back to school," she said. "Each child gets a pair of socks, shoes, underwear, jeans

and a shirt."

"It's really important to the children to have new clothing to start back to school," she said. "It really helps their self-esteem to look nice."

Hileman also said she enjoyed volunteering for the program.

"It's worth all the effort when you see how appreciative all the children are," she said.

One mother, who brought in five children for new outfits, said the program was very good for the children.

"It boosts their morale to start school in a new outfit," she said. "I just think it's a great thing, I think these people are wonderful."

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Agency receives \$100,000 grant County's assault victims have new place of refuge

Counseling for sexual-assault victims in Madison County has rebounded a year after the state stopped supporting Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville's rape care center.

Sexual Assault Victims First in Collinsville absorbed the university's mission and \$100,000 annual grant from the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault and helped about 500 women in its first year, new director Susan Sticha of Alton said.

"The wounds of rape are internal," Sticha said. "Women need someone to help them deal with the post-traumatic stress of rape."

Sticha, an American Art Therapy Association board certified therapist, recently replaced Francis Ewing, who left to pursue other interests.

Sticha, who was a clinical abuse specialist at Community Counseling Center in Alton for eight years, said Victims First staffs a rape counselor, an advocacy coordinator and 15 trained volunteers.

"We counsel women on an individual and group basis. We want to empower women to take back control of their lives," she said.

Victims First counsels people from Madison County and surrounding areas who are survivors of acquaintance rape, rape by an assailant, child sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

The agency works with law enforcement agencies, including the Madison County State's Attorney's Office, offers 24-hours-a-day counseling and volunteers or "advocates" appear in court with victims, help process orders of protection and offer sympathy and advice.

"There is not a limit to how long a woman can receive counseling," Sticha said. Sticha's expertise in art therapy works for adults as well as children.

"We use art as a form of expression," she said. "Sometimes it's easier for people to express themselves non-verbally. I've used art therapy for about 15 years and have found it to be very successful."

"It's for anybody. Sometimes it's easier to draw a picture of what happened, to express emotions by drawing. You can feel emotions, but sometimes you can't put them in words. It's easier to put something on paper."

Victims First counselors offer other therapy options to clients if they want other ways of coping with their trauma, Sticha said.

The agency operates mainly on the \$100,000 grant from the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault, although other financing is gotten from donations and fund-raisers.

The Southern Illinois

University at Edwardsville center had provided help to thousands of victims of sexual assault in the county since 1977, but in February 1994, the state coalition voted to terminate its funding July 1 of that year.

Acting on a complaint filed by a longtime client and a volunteer, the coalition board determined the SIVE center's acting director had violated the victim-centered philosophy by advising the client to seek help elsewhere.

SIVE officials criticized the move but decided against appealing the coalition's action, opting instead to narrow its focus to provide services to university students and employees who are victims of sexual assault. It also counsels children who are sexual assault victims.

Sticha said Victims First is seeking funding for a counseling program for children who are sexual abuse victims. A \$2,500 donation from the Fraternal Order of Eagles lodges in Wood River and Granite City helped start the program.

"There are a lot of children who need someone to turn to and we want to help them deal with their suffering," she said.

Anyone who has been raped or sexually abused or people seeking more information may call Victims First at 344-0605.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Senior Olympics Sept. 7-10

Athletes 50 years of age and older will compete in more than 30 events during the 17th annual Southwestern Illinois Regional Senior Olympics Sept. 7 through 10.

Events will be held at the University Center, Vandalia Center and Track and Field Stadium, all at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville; the Ball Park Sports Center, O'Fallon; Tamarack Country Club, Shuloh; Belleville Area College, Edwardsville YMCA; Kettle River Racquet Club, Edwardsville; and Eden Village Apartment Community, Glen Carbon.

Unity Health Network, with hospital affiliates in Alton, Belleville, Granite City and St. Louis, is the major sponsor of the 1995 Senior Olympics.

Prospective participants may register on a first-come, first-served basis with the SIVE Office of Continuing Education, Rendleman Building, Room 1200 for information, call Angie Barr, coordinator of community programs and public services, at 662-3210.

Entry fees for residents of Madison, Jersey, Macoupin, Calhoun, Greene, St. Clair, Monroe, Bond, Clinton, Randolph, Washington or

Montgomery counties are \$10 for one to three events, \$15 for four to six events, \$16 for seven to 10 events and \$19 for 11 to 15 events.

Fees are \$2 to \$8 higher for participants from outside the region and additional fees are required for bowling and golf. Participants are invited to a dinner and dance from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Sept. 8 in the atrium of Eden Village Apartment Community. Admission is free, but reservations are required and each participant may take one guest at an additional cost of \$3.

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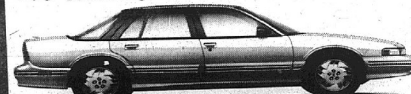
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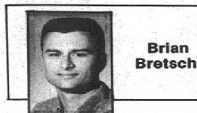
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Brian Bretsch

Soccer study heady stuff

I knew there was a reason I was a 'C' student in high school. A study recently released by Adrienne Witol says soccer players who repeatedly head a soccer ball risk losses in mental skills. Witol is a neuropsychology fellow in the department of physical medicine and rehabilitation at the Medical College of Virginia.

That's probably why I was 30 minutes late for work today. I COULDN'T remember where I set my car keys. I called my wife in a state of panic. Her advice was they will probably be in the last place you look. So when I found them I looked for an additional five minutes just so I could say they were not in the last place I looked.

The study showed players who said they headed the ball more than 10 times in a game showed lower average scores than other players on tests of concentration, attention and overall mental functioning.

I played soccer for six or seven years. Egads. All of a sudden I can't remember how old I was when I started. Anyway, there has to be some sort of correlation as to why I couldn't remember who the fourth president of the United States was in my American history class during my junior year.

I do remember my dad telling the story of how I was once knocked out cold playing soccer. The story goes I was playing fullback and decided to help my goalkeeper by taking a point blank shot off my face.

I NOW KNOW that being knocked out in my younger days was the real reason I could not learn the cube root of a number in my freshman math class. Witol's study said evidence of harm from less frequent heading like proper technique might help protect against the effect. Somehow, I don't think there is any proper technique in taking a shot off the face.

The study included 60 players from high school to professional age. Witol didn't test children younger than 14. She did say younger children are at a higher risk because they have weaker neck muscles and less experience in proper heading techniques than older players.

WITOL DID MAKE it a point to tell parents not to panic.

"This is a preliminary study. You don't base a huge decision on whether soccer is horribly dangerous and pull kids out based on one study," she said.

"If I had a child, I would discourage him from heading the ball until I had more answers." Heading is a big part of soccer. Players have been doing it since the game's inception. Don't throw some study in to scare parents.

I'm not saying Witol's study doesn't have any validity. It does.

I JUST HAD to poke some fun into it. But, after a while these studies get downright ridiculous and frustrating to read.

When you get right down to it, how about a study on the effects of a youngster throwing a curve ball? How about the effects of wrestling on a youngster's back? How about a study on the effects of sparring, whether it's boxing or martial arts — where the youngsters are allowed to deliver punches — on kids to their opponent's head?

It's better to have your child active in a sport like soccer than having them asking for quarters to go to the video arcade or asking for the latest cartridge for their home video game.



(Photo by PHILIP WALKER)

Player-manager Daren DePew has guided the Clippers (29-4) into the Mon-Clair finals for the fourth straight year.

Paddlers' swimmers a handful for opponents

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Paddlers swim coach Celeste Furmanek was pressed to single out a few of her swimmers, and that job wasn't easy for her. But she came up with five swimmers who represent the old and the new, as well as the spirit of the Paddlers team.

THREE OF THE swimmers are at or nearing the end of long careers at the swim club, and the other two look to be stars of the future. The three who are near the end of their time with Paddlers are Jeanne McMillan, Karen Yehling and Lesley Neff.

Two of the younger swimmers

to look out for in the future are Maggie Ronk and Justin Schooley.

"The three older ones have been with me since they were like six years old," Furmanek said. "They have all been a coach's dream. They always come to practice and they work hard. They do whatever it takes, whether it's coming in at 5:30 in the morning or swimming all winter."

"I've watched them grow up, and now they're either in college or moving into that phase of their life. They've been terrific role models."

THAT SEEMS to be what sets these swimmers apart. (See PADDLERS, Page 38)

AMA rider races to 5th straight win

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Who's going to stop this guy? Miguel Duhamel, a 27-year-old native of Quebec, Canada, won his fifth straight Superbike Challenge race Sunday with a narrow victory over Tom Kipp in the featured attraction at Gateway International Raceway.

IT WAS THE American Motorcycle Association's first-ever stop in the St. Louis area, and the fans who turned out in the 100-degree heat Sunday got to see why Duhamel is the hottest test racer on the AMA circuit.

Besides the Superbike race, Duhamel also won his sixth straight 600cc Supersport event, passing Steve Crevier in the final lap. Overall, Duhamel has won 11 consecutive races he has entered.

"Except for this heat, I feel very good," he said. "This was a tough track to get used to, but once I was used to it I feel like I raced pretty well. I just knew I'd have to pass in the straight-aways."

Duhamel crept to within one point of overall points leader Mike Hale, who finished fourth in the Superbike Challenge.

"HE'S JUST ON a roll right now, and I'm not sure who can stop him," Hale said of his Smokin' Joe's Honda teammate.

"I felt like I ran a good race, and my bike was running well. (See DUHAMEL, Page 38)



Mike Hale finished fourth in Sunday's Superbike Challenge race at Gateway International Raceway.

AMA action hot in first Gateway appearance

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The extreme heat on Sunday didn't deter more than 6,000 spectators from coming out to watch the first-ever visit to St. Louis by the American Motorcycle Association's Superbike Challenge at Gateway International Raceway.

During the three-day event, over 12,000 turned out in the worst of conditions.

"I DON'T KNOW what the temperature was down there," said Gateway general manager Robin Weinrich. "All I know is

it was more than 100 degrees. With all of the people, the machines and the asphalt, it was nearly unbearable. I thought the racers did a great job, and we appreciate all of the fans who came out."

"We might not have seen the numbers we were hoping for, but given the conditions we're happy with the turnout."

Motorcycle riders from across North America were on hand for the event, in which riders drove at speeds of over 80 mph on the bumpy Gateway course.

"I just put my head down and rode the bike as hard as I could," said Steve Crevier, who

won his first career Superbike pole position on Saturday. "In Canada, many of the tracks are bumpy like this one, so I felt right at home here. It's a real thrill to perform well here."

CREVIER HAILS from British Columbia, and Pascal Picotte, who started from the second position, is from Quebec as is Miguel Duhamel, who won his fifth consecutive Superbike race on Sunday.

"I can't tell you why that is," said Picotte, when asked why three Canadians sat atop the qualifying standings. "You'd

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Clippers taking aim at Mon-Clair crown

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Granite City Clippers will begin their quest for the Mon-Clair League's holy grail Friday when they take on the O'Fallon Merchants at 6:30 p.m. in O'Fallon, the site for the Mon-Clair final four tournament.

The Clippers, 29-4 overall, are feeling a little strange at this point. Although they recognize the abilities of all the M-C teams, they admit things will be a little strange without the Waterloo Buds at the finals.

THE BUDS WERE beaten 14-13 by their other archrival, the Valmeyer Lakers, last weekend in the first round of the playoffs. Now, for the first time in three years, it won't be Granite City versus Waterloo in the finals.

Clippers player-manager Daren DePew said it was a shame that the Buds won't be there. "We've always enjoyed our

Mon-Clair League Finals

Friday, Aug. 18
Game 1: Granite City vs. O'Fallon, 6:30 p.m.
Game 2: Valmeyer vs. Millstadt, 9 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 19
Game 3: Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2, 2:30 p.m.
Game 4: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 5 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 20
Game 5: Winner Game 4 vs. Winner Game 5, 1:30 p.m.
Game 6: Winner Game 6 vs. Loser Game 6 (if necessary), 4 p.m.

battles with Waterloo, and we'll miss them," DePew said. "I can't say I was surprised they lost, because Valmeyer is a good team. We split with them earlier in the year, and we had to go to extra innings to beat them. They are a good ballclub, and they're capable of doing

anything." "It was a bit of a shock to me," said Clippers player-general manager Tim Hogan. "It's just always been us and Waterloo. It's a little disappointing, but in a way it might be good to have someone new in there. It should be interesting."

THE CLIPPERS advanced to the double-elimination round by dispensing with Saugat (10-17) last Saturday.

"I don't like the way the year ended for us," said Saugat manager Scott Brown. "We had several kids go back to school, so we were short-handed. It would have taken everybody we had on the roster to beat Granite City, and we just didn't have the troops."

"We started off slow in that game," said DePew. "Then Jeff Ridenour hit a two-run homer, and that seemed to get us on track. We came back and scored eight runs in the fifth. (See CLIPPERS, Page 28)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE)

Paddlers swimmer Katie Ronk performs the butterfly during a recent meet.

'Friends' seeking funds for park fields

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

With a monumental effort to undertake, last weekend's turnout at St. Gregory's Hall was a bit disappointing to many members of the Friends of GC Baseball.

But Saturday evening, which featured a Chicken and Beverage Dance, was anything but a waste of time.

More than 100 people were in attendance at the dance, and more than \$1,000 was raised during the evening.

THE FRIENDS of GC Baseball (FGCB) is an organization of local baseball figures who want to improve the condition of many of Wilson Park's baseball and softball fields.

The group wants to begin work on Dal Maxwell Field, also known as Diamond #1 at the park. Plans are for the field to be re-sodded, an outfield fence to be erected, existing fences to be mended and eventually a grandstand to be built.

That's why FGCB spokesman Tim Hogan was a little disappointed his group didn't get more accomplished Saturday night.

"The turnout wasn't as good as we expected; it was mostly Mon-Clair League people there," he said. "I guess the short time frame might have been a factor, and it was a bad weekend, too. We've got to get more people involved or it's not going to work."

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Trivial matters

1. With 192 career victories from 1977-94, East St. Louis football coach Bob Shannon ranks seventh among Illinois coaches on the all-time list. Who ranks first?

2. The Illinois High School Association expanded to six classes for football 15 years ago, in 1980. Which team owns the most Class 6A titles?

Answers at right.

Community Sports Calendar

Golf tourney

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is looking for golfers to participate in the 1995 "Longest Day of Golf." The event is a fund-raising campaign where foursomes from Eastern Missouri, Southern Illinois and St. Louis participate at a golf course of their choosing. Golfers play as many holes as they can in one day, then collect pledges for each hole completed. All proceeds benefit multiple sclerosis research. The grand prize is two round-trip tickets to anywhere Northwest Airlines flies for the person who raises the most money over \$1,000. Call (314) 781-0020.



Coming up

GCBS to kick off season
GCBS coach Don Harris (left) and the Warriors visit Cahokia in their season opener Friday, Aug. 25.

Trivia answers
1. Stockton's John O'Boyle, with 267 wins from 1961-94.
2. East St. Louis (5).

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Furmanek said each of them displays the work ethic and dedication needed to excel at the sport.

And as for the younger swimmers, she said their work habits are exceptional, especially considering their age.

She said that Schooley, 9, has only swam at Paddlers for two full seasons. In his first year, he won the high-points title for his age group at the conference championships.

"That's just unheard of, to start from scratch and win the high-points title," Furmanek said. "Then he came back this

year and finished second. Every day, he wants to do more and more to improve himself, including working on his strength out of the pool."

Furmanek also said that Rank, 8, is another swimmer who seems to want to do whatever it takes to win.

"This is her fourth summer, and she's made tremendous progress," she said. "She'll do anything I ask, and she's going to be a very good swimmer in a year or two."

Furmanek said she will miss McMillan and Neff, both 18, who have ended their Paddlers careers. Yehling can still return for one more summer.

"Jeannine swam at Millikin last year and she came back to help teach some of the kids here this summer," Furmanek said. "She's been with me since she was seven or eight, so I'll miss her very much."

"As for Lesley, I can't say enough about her dedication. She lives in Glen Carbon, and could easily have swam for Sun-Hills, but she stuck with us the whole time, since she was eight or nine."

Neff is set to attend Purdue University, where she plans to study medicine. Therefore, it is doubtful that she will be able to continue her swimming career.

Yehling will attend Lincoln

College this fall. She just turned 18, so she will probably be able to swim for Paddlers next year.

"Karen did the extra work it takes, and it paid off for her at the Prairie State Games," said Furmanek. "And she excelled in the 200 butterfly, which is about the hardest event there is in swimming."

Furmanek said each year is the same: Good swimmers move on, and younger ones take their place.

"Every summer we go through the same thing, and every summer someone surprises you," she said. "But that's what it's all about."

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think that the heat would affect us more."

Event coordinator Carl Reynolds said the crowds were not a disappointment.

"We're just trying to get a foothold here," he said. "Considering this was a first-time event, the crowds weren't bad. We know this is a well-followed sport in the St. Louis area. Hopefully, next year we can move the event up or maybe back a couple weeks when there might be better weather."

"The responses I got were very positive," Weinrich said. "Hopefully, these folks will tell their friends about it, and next year the crowds will be better."

"I also received positive feedback from the racers and the crew men. They told us the track was a bit bumpy, but we knew that, and one day we'll have a new track for them to race on."

•Duhamel

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He's just making all of the right move at the right times.

"What he's doing now is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and if I were him I'd enjoy it while it's still happening."

"A lot of things have to happen each week for me to win," Duhamel said. "Things are just going my way right now. Next week, it could all end."

The other factor at Sunday's competition was the extreme heat. Most of the AMA races are run on the west coast and in the northeastern or southeastern parts of the country, Duhamel

said it was the hottest conditions he could remember in a long time.

"I can remember some races a few years ago that were hot, but the hottest race is always the one you're in right now, I guess," he said. "It was grueling out there, and those 22 laps seemed like 220."

Hale, who had raced on dirt tracks many times in Illinois, said he remembers some hot days like Sunday.

"I think it's worse, though, when you're on an asphalt track, and the air just seemed so thick," he said. "It was very exhausting."

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"Still, we've got a thousand bucks more than we had last week, and that's a start," Hogan said. "The group will alter its plans somewhat. Members plan to meet with Fairview Heights officials to find out which methods of fundraising were used to build Longacre Park. The FGCB wants to use the same as a model for the new Maxwell Field."

Now Hogan said, the group would like to use private, commercial and government contributions to fund the project.

"We'll have to find some other

way of raising money for this," Hogan said. "We can't keep nickel-and-diming it. From what I understand, the people that built Longacre did get some help from the city."

Right now, the FGCB is considering a golf tournament, and will continue to look into other avenues. Members are prioritizing renovations to the field.

Fields and Hogan said they would like to at least get started on the field itself this year, and repair the field this fall.

"We hope to have a fence around the outfield by next spring, when the high

school teams might want to use it."

Of course, any work on the diamond must be approved by the Granite City Park District Board. Although nothing has been finalized, the board has reacted favorably to the FGCB's ideas.

"We raised a little money, and hopefully we raised some interest as well," Hogan said. "It takes a lot of money to make something like this a reality, but we'll be able to take things one step at a time. But we're going to get this done."

Sports shorts

GC Flag Football program

The Granite City Park District is now organizing the Flag Football program, which will be played on Monday and Saturday nights at Worthen Park. This league is for boys in grades 3-6.

Registration for this program is being held at the Wilson Park office. The fee for the program are \$20 for park district residents and \$25 for non-residents.

The fee will include the use of a helmet, a set of shoulder pads and a jersey to be turned in at the conclusion of the last game.

The league will start play in September after several weeks of practice. All boys will be assigned to a team. This is the fifth year for the league, or if one has any questions, call Ray Hoffman at the Wilson Park office at 877-3059.

Fall softball leagues

The Granite City Park District has begun taking registrations for the men's and co-ed fall leagues. The deadline for registration is Aug. 18.

The league will start on Sept. 5 and last for six weeks. The men will play twice each week on Tuesday and Thursday, and the co-ed league will play twice per week on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

The cost is \$230, which includes the softballs.

Anyone interested should call

Ray Hoffman at the Wilson Park office at 877-3059.

Coolidge football practice

Football practice for seventh and eighth grade boys at Coolidge Middle School will begin Aug. 22.

Players should come dressed in shorts and t-shirts for the first three days of practice, which will be held that Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Those players who attend each of the first three days of practice will receive their playing equipment after the third practice.

Players reporting to practice on Wednesday morning must also bring a signed parent permission form and a physical examination. Parent permission forms can be picked up at the Coolidge main office up until Aug. 23.

Madison Fall-Ball

Teams are now being accepted for the Fall Softball Leagues at the Madison Recreation Center which begin at the end of August.

The registration deadline is Aug. 22. The entry fee per team is \$210. Only six teams per league will be accepted, and entries are registered on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Men's Rec League will play on Tuesday nights, and the Men's Competitive League will play on Wednesday nights. Call the Madison Recreation Center for more details.

For more information, call 346-7529.

Girls softball tryouts

Open tryouts will be held to form a new select, fastpitch softball team for girls born in 1982 and older. The tryouts will be held Tuesday, Aug. 22 at the Wilson Park diamond #5, and Thursday, Aug. 24 at the Maryville batting cages.

Both tryouts will be held from 6-8 p.m. All players trying out must bring \$5, a copy of their birth certificate, social security number and a small photo.

For more information, call 931-3969 or 797-1650.

Rattlers 14-and-under tryouts

The 14-and-under St. Louis Rattlers girls fast-pitch softball team will be holding tryouts for the 1996 season on Aug. 26 and Sept. 9.

The tryouts are for girls born after Aug. 31, 1981. For information, call Kirk at 314-838-1989.

Sluggers tryouts

Tryouts for the St. Louis Sluggers 11-and-under and 12-and-under teams for the 1996 season will take place through the month of August.

Interested girls must be born after Aug. 31, 1983. For more information, along with times and places of the tryouts, call John at 314-527-6604.

Gus Macker registration

Registration forms are now available at the Collinsville Area Recreation District for the Gus Macker 8-on-3 basketball tournament Sept. 23.

For more information, call 346-7529.



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Matt Dittman swims the backstroke.

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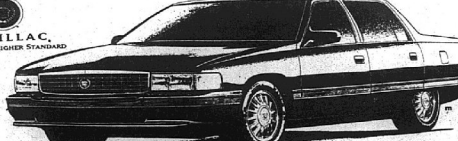
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Marriage licenses

The following marriage licenses were issued through the office of Debbie Sallich, Madison County clerk:

Granite City
Terry Wade Austin and Brenda Lee Felthauer, both of Granite City.

Christopher Allen Mayer and Rebecca Ann Trittschuh, both of Granite City.

Joseph Ray Moore of Madison and Levondia Nell Robertson of Granite City.

Jerry Allen Shobe and Diana Ruth Douglas, both of Granite City.

Robert Cleo Adams Jr. and Ritta Ann Scheibel, both of Granite City.

Gary Lynn Allen Jr. and Christie Lynn Darron, both of Granite City.

Keith Lynn Antoff and Kathryn Sue Schillinger, both of Granite City.

Howard T. Crider of St. Louis and Kristie A. Elmore of Granite City.

Scott Phillip Dill and Amy Christine Canady, both of Granite City.

John Ray Ennis and Erva Lee Browning, both of Granite City.

Carl Eugene Hozian Jr. and Laura Dell Ishum, both of Granite City.

ite City.
John Douglas Jones of Granite City and Leah Faye Roam of Rupert, Idaho.

James Kennett Moss and Michaela Marie Genovesi, both of Granite City.

Mark Andrew Schneidde and April Lynn Stewart, both of Granite City.

Keith E. Schoellman and Mary A. Hamilton, both of Granite City.

Kevin Charles Stewart and Kathleen Marie Scott, both of Granite City.

James Allen Wright and Connie Sue Holloway, both of Granite City.

Nicholas Zeffoff and Amber Dawn Neeley, both of Granite City.

Leland L. Warren and Taffanina D. Short, both of Brooklyn.

The following marriage licenses were issued through the office of Sam Flood, St. Clair County clerk:

Fairmont City
Jose Valdez and Deborah Statham, both of Fairmont City.

Granite City
Robert Sikorski of Granite City and Denine Price of Caseyville.

Mohme-Harizal

Laurie Anne Mohme, daughter of Paul and Carol Mohme of Collinsville and the late Betty Mohme, and Phillip Andrew Harizal, son of John P. and Dolores Harizal of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Mohme, a 1984 graduate of Collinsville High School, is employed with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services in East St. Louis as an account technician.

Harizal, a 1983 graduate of Granite City High School South and a 1988 graduate of the University of Missouri at Rolla, is employed with Belt Water Management Group in Peoria as a technical specialist.



Laurie Mohme and Phillip Harizal

A Sept. 9 wedding is being planned at Mother of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Maryville.



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Langley 1945 and 1995

Langley - 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Langley of Naples, Fla., formerly of Granite City, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 22 at a party hosted by their daughters at the Cove Inn in Naples.

Richard Langley and the former Anne Hopae were married July 12, 1945, in Springfield, Ill., and resided in Granite City prior to moving to Naples in 1976.

He was employed with Granite City Steel for 26 years, and she was employed with General Steel Industries for 30 years. The couple enjoys playing golf and traveling.

They are the parents of two daughters, Karen (Donald) Phillips and Margaret (Gordon) Radcliffe. There are two grandchildren, Julie and Matthew.

Hoffman - Brown

Michelle Lee Hoffman, daughter of Stan and Jennifer Hoffman of Muncie, Ind., formerly of Granite City, and John Henry Brown, son of Richard and Sue Brown of DeMotte, Ind., have announced their engagement.

Hoffman, of Muncie, is a graduate of Central High School in Muncie and attended Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind. She is employed with the Talk of the Town in Muncie as a cosmetologist.

She is the granddaughter of Lois Hoffman of Granite City and the late Stanley Hoffman Sr. and Kate and Speed Bailey.

Brown, a 1984 graduate of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind., is employed with Simons Engineering in Atlanta, Ga., as a civil engineer.

A Dec. 2 wedding at First Presbyterian Church in Muncie is being planned.

Groothuis - 50 years

Delton and Wanda (Hester) Groothuis celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception Saturday, July 22, at Neidringhaus United Methodist Church. It was hosted by their daughter, Lisa, of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Groothuis were married in Mt. Vernon on July 1945, by the Rev. Paul Bellamy.

In addition to local friends in attendance, those from out of town included Mrs. Donna Bellamy Bruce, a bridesmaid at the Groothuis' wedding; Roy and Arlene Cooley, Don and Frances Peterson, Gale and Wilma Hester, Maurice and Doris Davis, Earle and Margie Hosick, Ellis and Dorothy Roane, and Ann and John H. ard, all of Mt. Vernon; Lenora Bumpus and Jerry and Don Bumpus of Woodlawn, Ill.; Harry and Vida Smith, Marge Klus, Robin, Danielle and Rebecca Smith of St. Louis; Roberta Bodine, Bill and Barbara Bodine of Bonnie, Ill.; Cleo Ulin and Anna Mary Harn of Stevensville, Mont.; Jim and Betty Williams of Ocala, Fla.; Leo and Pat Lewis of Wheeler, Ill.; Monte, Nita and Ned Groothuis of Altamont, Ill.; Alyce Groothuis of Effingham; Eldon and Linda Wiegand of Edwardsville; Art Goldmann of Ballwin, Mo.; Trudy and Gene List of Assumption; Pat Groothuis and Ann Walton of St. Charles, Mo.

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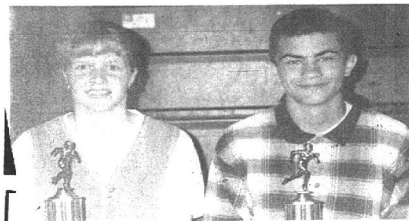
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SCHOOL NEWS



Grigsby Junior High School — Above left, Grigsby students of the year for 1994-95 are, from left, front row, 7th graders Andri Ravanelli and Amy Neidhardt; and top, from left, 8th graders Jacob Kamhoefer and Stephanie Ambuehl. At left, Grigsby athletes of the year for 1994-95 are, from left, Jane Signall and Corey Winfield. Above, Grigsby student award winners for all around citizenship and integrity for 1994-95 are, from left, Katie Serrano and Cory Simpson.



Sigma Theta Tau holds induction

The Epsilon Eta chapter of Sigma Theta Tau located at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, School of Nursing held its induction ceremony on April 28.

The following local students were inducted:

Granite City — Karen Baum, Kenny Muller, Vera Popovitch. Sigma Theta Tau International is a prestigious organization of nurse leaders, scholars and researchers. The honor society, founded at Indiana University in 1922, currently has 321 chapters at more than 356 colleges and universities worldwide.

Membership in the society is awarded to bachelor's, master's and doctoral nursing candidates who achieve high scholastic averages and to graduates of programs who have made outstanding contributions to nursing. The student must have at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and be in the upper one-third of her class to qualify for membership. Sigma Theta Tau encourages and actively supports further professional development and promotes nursing scholarship, leadership, creativity and commitment to nursing among its members.



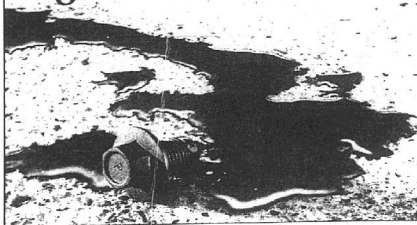
Honored — The University Center at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville has honored Ferdine Webb of Granite City as UC Employee of the Month for July. Co-workers voted Webb the honor. She is an area supervisor for SIUE dining services and has been instrumental in the creation of employee training and development programs. Co-workers say Webb is considered a role model because of her hard work and commitment. Shown here awarding Webb the Employee of the Month certificate is Lyle Ward, UC acting director.

Briefly

Responding to numerous requests from the Metro East legal community and interested students, Belleville Area College has established a paralegal studies program.

The program officially gets under way with the college's 1995 fall semester, which begins Saturday, Aug. 19. BAC is offering two related courses: Introduction to Paralegal Studies and Torts II, during the semester.

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Horoscope

Thursday, Aug. 17
A lunar aspect (trine) involving the moon in Taurus and Mercury in Virgo brings sensual engagement, tactile events that are more than one sense. Lovers are particularly receptive to old-fashioned sentiment, so flowers are late go over like gangbusters. Families make a demand that most people put up with.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19)
Your creative skill demand. You may luxury of picking and between job offers. discussion with a partner to romance. Celebrate good fortune with a splash.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)
Encourage a child or relative to make up own mind. Your excitement is easier when it with a friend or family. A business deal money.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)
Get straight to the point beating around the spouse or lover. defense this afternoon benefit from a relational decision. Family are particularly affected.

CANCER (June 21 - July 20)
Organize your time you'll be able to indulge in a bit of moment or recreation week. An attractive notices you. You are financial but have luck at games.

LEO (July 21 - Aug. 10)
down, and take it easy.

'Count

Living away from idyllic as it seems. Like life everywhere with complications desires that are hard of the lessons to draw a gentle romantic comedy starring Greta Scacchi.

THE SETTING
of Australia's starkly 1919, is placid. But it of individuals who mined to mess up the. For more than 20 years a frontier sheep hardworking (Uncle graves) and his sister (Kerry Fox).

Sally's father, away the last 20 years it is supposed, a return. And his relationship his first visit his decades.

The prissy, preening Blakemore arrives in London preten name-dropping and (Greta Scacchi).

In her late 30s, the years younger than her husband. She is beautiful becomes increasingly bored signs not marriage to this self-

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your creative skills are in demand. You may have the luxury of picking and choosing between job offers. A serious discussion with a partner leads to romance. Celebrate your good fortune with a bit of a splurge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Encourage a child or younger relative to make up his or her own mind. Your exercise routine is easier when you share it with a friend or lover. You anticipate a partner's request. A business deal saves you money.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Get straight to the point without beating around the bush. A spouse or lover comes to your defense this afternoon. You benefit from a relative's financial decision. Family members are particularly affectionate.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Organize your time well, and you'll be able to afford to indulge in a day of entertainment or recreation later in the week. An attractive co-worker notices you. You are eligible for a financial bonus. You have luck at games.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Slow down, and take it easy. —

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ing to do everything all at once only complicates matters. An old flame wants to rekindle your romance. You are offered a lucrative task or position. Respond to a relative's inquiry.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 17). Break off a tired old romance in September, but try not to get tied into new relationships for a month. By November, a new love enters your life with the freshness of spring. Marriage is not in the cards until May '96. The best signs to team up with are Scorpio, Pisces and Aquarius. Your lucky numbers are 16, 19, 22 and 40.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Be open to interpretations that are different from your own. Someone with whom you had a brief flirtation wants to pick up where you left off. You receive important financial information regarding the troubled family member.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Submit claims or reports in writing. Higher-ups or administrators are sympathetic regarding your predicament. A love interest goes to great lengths to please you. Avoid unnecessary spending. You have luck.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Control your temper during a confrontation today, and you are most convincing. An old colleague or schoolmate treats you to a meal or outing. You meet a love interest while running an errand. You get news from home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Make sure a child or younger relative doesn't feel excluded. Your romantic partner makes an expensive proposition. An employer gives you a choice regarding your job duties and responsibilities. Answer a letter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A would-be lover finds your bashfulness charming. A minor crisis at the office sends your co-workers running to you for advice. You qualify for a special bargain or business deal. Give a relative space.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You receive a fascinating proposition. An old friend is in need of your sympathetic ear. Relatives pressure you to act before their own. Passion explodes between you and a work colleague.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A spouse or lover makes a surprising announcement. You receive a letter from a lover this afternoon. You have luck in money.

GRACE'S PLACID EXISTENCE falls apart when she sees her good-looking husband, Eddie (Dennis Quaid), in a clinic with another woman.

Usually hard to deal with is the unsympathetic reaction of her tradition-bound family.

Her autocratic father, Wyly King (Robert Duvall), is mainly worried the scandal will be bad for business. And her gracious mother, Georgia (Gena Rowlands), also tells her to forgive Eddie. "It happens in the best of marriages," she murmurs in her velvet southern drawl. "He shipped. It's up to you to help him up."

But that's not good enough for Grace and her feisty, outspoken sister Emma Rae (Kye Secor). Emma responds by kicking Eddie in the groin, inviting Grace to move in with her and eventually encouraging her to date another man.

THE PERFORMANCES from the major female leads are convincing, particularly Roberts as the vulnerable nice-girl and Rowlands as the long-suffering wife used to smoothing the waters. With his patented devilish grin, Quaid also is believable as a charmer known as "Hound Dog" in college and Quaid and Roberts work well together as concerned parents.

But there's little chemistry between them as a romantic couple. It's easy to see how the marriage foundered because of boredom and apathy. With no glimpses of real passion, it's hard to work up an interest in whether they'll get back together.

Screenwriter Callie Khouri won an Academy Award for her 1991 debut "Thelma and Louise" and, though she's echoing some of the same themes here, nobody can accuse her of stereotyping.

THE CHARACTERS HAVE real depth. Quaid isn't just the bad guy, he's a great dad who genuinely regrets the things that have gone wrong in his marriage.

In her role as the salty-mouthed sister, Secor is given some of Khouri's better lines, but she can't escape the limp tempo either.

And Duvall, typecast as Big Daddy, looks like he's just walking through the movie.

Director Larry Hallstrom ("My Life as a Dog," "What's Eating Gilbert Grape") captures the dignity and serenity of his subjects and settings, but he does it a little too well, making the film slow and dreary.

The lackadaisical staging, combined with rather somber lighting from cinematographer Sven Nykvist ("Panny and Alexander"), is like a hole that sucks everybody in.

Hallstrom includes some excellently shot stock-pile scenes that make you feel like a rider going over the jumps. But the subplot—whether the charming little girl will be allowed to ride her favorite horse, and whether she'll win the Grand Prix—is too predictable.

WITH SO MANY SHOOT-EM-UPS monopolizing theaters this summer, it's a real pity this well-meaning movie doesn't come together. But by the last 15 minutes, you're less interested in whether Grace and Eddie's marriage will work out than when the movie will finally end.

Ultimately, "Something to Talk About" does not provide a lot to talk about.

The Warner Brother release is produced by Paula Weinstein and Antuana Sylbert. Goldie Hawn is executive producer.

—Associated Press

By Bill Beggs
Correspondent

THE KING: Elvis Presley fans mark the 30th anniversary of his death each Aug. 16, the date of his alleged death. Presley, driving a Buick Wildcat on a delivery route in southern Mississippi, and with Michael Jackson as a son-in-law, he's not in the mood to say thank you, thank you very much.

And a Motel 6 near Sikeston, Mo., The King was gracious enough to fax his approval of the following questions about his earlier career.

1. What are Elvis' date and place of birth?
For a week in November 1969, what song was to be the last No. 1 hit in *Billboard's* Top 40 for Elvis?

3. When Elvis went up to the bathroom for the last time on Aug. 16, 1969, what was he doing?

4. What 1966 hit for Elvis, his first from a movie, was adapted from a 65-year-old melody?

5. At age 13, to where did Elvis move with his family?

6. What 1956 hit for Elvis, his first from a movie, was adapted from a 65-year-old melody?

ANSWERS: 1. Jan. 8, 1935; Memphis, Tenn. 2. "Love Me Tender." 3. "Don't Be Cruel." 4. "Hush." 5. "Hush." 6. "Hush." 7. "Hush." 8. "Hush." 9. "Hush." 10. "Hush." 11. "Hush." 12. "Hush." 13. "Hush." 14. "Hush." 15. "Hush." 16. "Hush." 17. "Hush." 18. "Hush." 19. "Hush." 20. "Hush." 21. "Hush." 22. "Hush." 23. "Hush." 24. "Hush." 25. "Hush." 26. "Hush." 27. "Hush." 28. "Hush." 29. "Hush." 30. "Hush." 31. "Hush." 32. "Hush." 33. "Hush." 34. "Hush." 35. "Hush." 36. "Hush." 37. "Hush." 38. "Hush." 39. "Hush." 40. "Hush." 41. "Hush." 42. "Hush." 43. "Hush." 44. "Hush." 45. "Hush." 46. "Hush." 47. "Hush." 48. "Hush." 49. "Hush." 50. "Hush." 51. "Hush." 52. "Hush." 53. "Hush." 54. "Hush." 55. "Hush." 56. "Hush." 57. "Hush." 58. "Hush." 59. "Hush." 60. "Hush." 61. "Hush." 62. "Hush." 63. "Hush." 64. "Hush." 65. "Hush." 66. "Hush." 67. "Hush." 68. "Hush." 69. "Hush." 70. "Hush." 71. "Hush." 72. "Hush." 73. "Hush." 74. "Hush." 75. "Hush." 76. "Hush." 77. "Hush." 78. "Hush." 79. "Hush." 80. 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